

2023 Compiled Winners List

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Belleville West - Hy News (Editors: Andrew Kruep, Molly Lynch, Polly Young; Adviser: Laurie Bielong)

Coulterville HS - Screaming Eagle (Adviser: Herman Albers)

Harrisburg High School - The Purple Clarion (Editor: Jacquie Lewis; Adviser: Cathy Sullivan)

Herrin HS - Tiger Tattler (Editor: Jenny Taitt; Adviser: Jim Starnes)

Mater Dei HS - Mater Dei Lance (Advisers: Bonnie Holzinger, Cynthia Huegen)

Springfield HS - The Senator (Editors: Leslie Cornell, Kaitlyn Patia; Adviser: M.J. Peters)

Taylorville HS - The Zephyr (Editor: Megan McClure; Adviser: Stephen Steele)

Uni Lab HS - The Gargoyle (Editors: Agatha Kim, Chris Breaut, Mark Yates-White, Hillary Proctor; Adviser: David Porreca)

Mail-in Contest Newspaper

Best Editorial

1st - Hillary Proctor (Uni Lab HS) "We won't be silenced"

2nd - Caitlin Kannall (Mater Dei) "Rock and politics: dangerous mix"

3rd - Adam Hovekamp (Paducah Tilghman) "Adam Hovekamp Co-Editor 1/28/05"

HM - David Sharp (Paducah Tilghman) "A divine quest for the purpose of badges"

HM - Caitlin Kannall (Mater Dei) "Music promotes students' success"

HM - Senator Staff (Springfield HS) "New tardy policy: good idea, flawed implementation"

HM - Dena Rennie (Harrisburg HS) "Principal swap not settling well with many students"

Best Sports Story

1st - Sergei Pourmal (Uni Lab HS) "History in the making"

2nd - Sam Smyth (Uni Lab HS) "Tournament champs!"

3rd - Matt Cawvey (Herrin HS) "Football Tigers prepare for Marion, playoffs as regular season wraps up"

HM - Beverly Hill (Paducah Tilghman) "Globetrotters do more than entertain"

HM - Dustin Alwood (Belleville West) "Current West bowlers take on old West bowlers"

HM - Annie Fehrenbacher (Uni Lab HS) "Outta our way!"

Best Sports Column

1st - Lee Boudouris (Belleville West) "Hockey league lockout silly all the way around"

2nd- Adam Bonafeste (Springfield HS) "Major league baseball should clean up its act"

3rd - Lee Boudouris (Belleville West) "Cards swing, miss during off-season"

HM - David Boyle (Uni Lab HS) "The best year ever: Add it up"

HM - Jeremy Martin (Harrisburg HS) "Speaking of Sports: Fallen Athletes"

HM - Angelina Liang (Uni Lab HS) ""Give me a chance, just let me dance"

Best Sports Feature

1st - Emily Dunn (Springfield HS) "Cardinal Hall-of-Famer Gibson shares success story with Springfield"

2nd - Adam Hovekamp (Paducah Tilghman) "100 years of football"

3rd - Matt Cawvey (Herrin HS) "Helmick calling quits after three seasons at HHS"

3rd - John Lynch (Belleville West) "Steroids leave dark cloud over pro sports"

HM - Trista Wiseman (Taylorville HS) "Snyder thrives on thrills of flat-track racing"

HM - Jason Harbison (Harrisburg HS) "Keating commits to University of Florida, awarded baseball scholarship"

HM - Justin Park (Uni Lab HS) "Say hello to my little friend"

HM - David Boyle, Just Park (Uni Lab HS) "Guys Gone Wild"

Best News Story

1st - Ben Erickson (Uni Lab HS) "Silencing voices of dissent"

2nd - Stephanie Short (Harrisburg HS) "Tsunami survivor speaks to students"

3rd - Kaitlyn Patia, Molly Shetter (Springfield HS) "SHS students sound off on 'Rock the Vote'"

3rd - Sergei Pourmal, Sam Smyth (Uni Lab HS) "Students dismissed for hacking"

HM - Mehreen Iqbal (Belleville West) "Mr. George Kahut new District 201 assistant superintendant"

HM - Matthew Freeman (Uni Lab HS) "Iris Chang, 1968-2004"

HM - Callie Hitpas (Mater Dei) "Bishop to leave Belleville Diocese"

HM - Pamela Plunket (Coulterville HS) "Coulterville Board of Education discusses BLI Lighting Grant"

HM - Tabitha Ward (Paducah Tilghman) "Tilghman students lend helping hand to tsunami victims"

Best Front Page Layout

1st - Staff (Belleville West) "3rd in State 11/19/04"

2nd - Staff (Uni Lab HS) "Iris Chang, 1968-2004"

3rd - Jenny Taitt, editor (Herrin HS) "Super Season! 11/23/04"

HM - Megan McClure (Taylorville HS) "Sophomore Brannan putts at Palm Beach 9/7/04"

HM - Adam Hovekamp (Paducah Tilghman) "Tilghman students lend helping hand to tsunami victims 1/28/05"

Best Overall Layout

1st - Staff (Uni Lab HS) "Feb. 17, 2005"

2nd - Staff (Belleville West) "Dec. 10, 2004"

3rd - Staff (Taylorville HS) "Jan. 28, 2005"

HM - Staff (Springfield HS) "March 2005"

HM - Jacquie Lewis, Dena Rennie, Jeremy Martin, Danae Stout (Harrisburg HS) Jan. 18, 2005

HM - Staff (Paducah Tilghman) Feb. 25, 2005

Best Photo with Caption

1st - Adam Becherer (Belleville West) "Harambee"

2nd - Beka Nenonen (Harrisburg HS) "Senior Rachel Romaine..."

3rd - Stephanie Luke (Springfield HS) "A young guest at Kids Holiday Dinner"

HM - Liz Nielson (Herrin HS) "Senior linebacker Eddie Spiller"

HM - Mark Yates-White (Uni Lab HS) "Outta Our Way!"

HM - Adam Becherer (Belleville West) "Senior Mike Steir..."

HM - Braidy Hood (Coulterville HS) "Dr. Truman Henard..."

Best Feature Story

1st - Megan McClure (Taylorville HS) "Taylorville: The town, the myth, the legend"

2nd - Stephanie Short (Harrisburg HS) "Family tables have empty seats for Christmas season"

3rd - Allison Weigel (Belleville West) "History teacher Mr. Koeneman races stock cars"

3rd - Drew Spitzer (Paducah Tilghman) "Deadly toys of Christmas past"

HM - David Boyle, Justin Park (Uni Lab HS) "Fear and loathing at Walmart"

HM - Jessica Iskrzycki (Mater Dei) "Band members take a bite out of the 'Big Apple'"

HM - Luke Arterburn (Paducah Tilghman) "A day in the life of a hero: The first son of Paducah"

Best Original Advertisement

1st - Katie Abernathy (Belleville West) "Spring car show"

2nd - Katie Abernathy (Belleville West) "Beatniks"

3rd - Brittany Gholson (Harrisburg HS) Stephanie's Salon and Day Spa

HM - Katie Abernathy (Belleville West) "Trivia Night"

Best Editorial Column

1st - Molly Lynch (Belleville West) "Conflict of interest has gone too far"

2nd - Christy Stewart (Harrisburg HS) "Charitable Donations??"

3rd - Molly Shetter (Springfield HS) "Governor B. ten years late in move to restrict video game access"

3rd - Agatha Kim (Uni Lab HS) "Saying goodbye to a teacher"

HM - Molly Lynch (Belleville West) "Why isn't life fun anymore"

HM - Max Goldberg (Uni Lab HS) "Is ideological intolerance rampant at Uni?"

HM - Christy Stewart (Harrisburg HS) "Billions for advertising, pennies for the poor"

HM - Jenny Tait (Herrin HS) "So you think he's crazy? Think again."

Best Interview Story

1st - Christine Cheng (Uni Lab HS) "Uni students volunteering to save lives"

2nd - Beverly Hill (Paducah Tilghman) "An inspiration to all: Freshman with something to prove: I'm normal"

3rd - Kayla Kearns (Harrisburg HS) "Shyness affects many high school students"

HM - Emma Anselin, Daisy Hassani (Uni Lab HS) "You've seen the signs, you've read the e-mails, Why aren't you at music club?"

HM - Danae Stout (Harrisburg High School) "O'Neal takes home most scholastic awards"

Best Cub Division

1st - Emma Anselin (Uni Lab HS) "Remembering Mrs. Dade"

2nd - Greg Williams (Taylorville HS) "Mathon makes mayoral run"

3rd - Mehreen Iqbal (Belleville West) "Mr. George Kahut new District 201 assistant superintendent"

HM - Christopher A. Morris (Paducah Tilghman) "Madden 2005 hits consoles"

HM - Kara Weisenstein (Belleville West) "West students continue racing pastime"

HM - Meaghan Steelman (Herrin HS) "Several participate in Heartland Honor Band and Quad State Festival"

HM - Monica Simonin (Belleville West) "Paige Muskop shines as member of The Muny"

Best Featurette

1st - Luke Arterburn (Paducah Tilghman) "Passion for fashion with Luke Arterburn"

2nd - Chris Breault (Uni Lab High School) "Extra credit offered for the root password"

3rd - Adam Bonafeste (Springfield HS) "There are fans, and then there are fans"

HM - Emma Anselin, Daisy Hassani (Uni Lab HS) "Meet the Pyritz"

HM - Matthew Freeman (Uni Lab HS) "A legacy in books"

Best Original Cartoon

1st - Andrew Jennings (Springfield HS) "Middle East"

2nd - Andrew Jennings (Springfield HS) "Vote"

3rd - Katie Pannier (Belleville West) "Dress for Success teaches real world skills"

HM - Agatha Kim (Uni Lab HS) "Injustice the hamstrings the Olympics"

HM - Katie Pannier (Belleville West) "West Infirmary"

HM - Christine Cheng (Uni Lab HS) "Say hello to Uncle Sam, boys (and girls)"

HM - Hannah O'Neal (Harrisburg HS) "Key Club member with Santa sack"

Best Art

1st - Cherise Rainbolt (Belleville West) "Poker Dogs"
2nd - Stephanie Black (Mater Dei) "Knighteen 50's"
3rd - Maggie Powel (Belleville West) "Action figure Dec. 10, 2004"
3rd - Agatha Kim (Uni Lab HS) "A new kind of censorship"
HM - Hannah O'Neal (Harrisburg HS) "Service learning undergoes needed change"
HM - Hannah O'Neal (Harrisburg HS) "By being late to class student not only look bad..."

Best In-Depth Story

1st - Annie Fehrenbacher, Roveiza Irfan (Uni Lab HS) "Reading between the lines"
2nd - Gabe Fries, Lacey Gonzalez, Bryce Mitchell, Kim Schuetz (Belleville West) "Religion"
3rd - Beverly Hill (Paducah Tilghman) "Take a walk in the shoes of a teen mother for a day"
HM - Annie Fehrenbacher (Uni Lab HS) "Is English just a blow-off class"
HM - Gabe Fries, Steven Heizer, Bryce Mitchell (Belleville West) "Poker: America's New National Passtime"
HM - Bryce Parsons-Twesten, Gabriel Fries (Belleville West) "Local author hunts ghosts as hobby"

Best Review

1st - Mark Bailie (Herrin HS) "Blood Brothers, Converge receive high marks"
2nd - Caitlin Kannall (Mater Dei) "'Princess' worth the read"
3rd - Savannah McDermott (Springfield HS) "Ridiculous rantings of the right wing"
3rd - Pierce Meir (Paducah Tilghman) "Episode: V Jedi Reviews"
HM - Yusuf Siddiquee (Springfield HS) "Hard to improve on fine points of 'Garden State'"
HM - Nik Abel (Belleville West) "Cellular disappoints with unoriginality"
HM - Bryce Parsons-Twesten (Belleville West) "The Grudge strikes a chord with audience"
HM - Chris Breault (Uni Lab HS) "'Million Dollar Baby' impresses"
HM - Chris Breault (Uni Lab HS) "I come to bury this treasure, not praise it"

Best Humorous Column

1st - Molly Shetter (Springfield HS) "Everything I ever needed to know, I learned from Disney films"
2nd - Luke Arberturn (Paducah Tilghman) "Lose the 'tude"
3rd - Ben Sands (Uni Lab HS) "Look at me. I'm an intellectual!"
HM - Molly Shetter (Springfield HS) "Valentines Day and the death throes of chivalry"
HM - Leslie Cornell (Springfield HS) "April mail call: Leslie's plan for dealing with either rejection or acceptance"
HM - Ben Sands (Uni Lab HS) "The Atkins Diet: A case of mass hysteria"

Best Computer-Produced Graphic

1st - Nathaniel Gottlieb-Graham, Ellen Rocket (Uni Lab HS) "Students dismissed for hacking"

2nd - Angelina Liang (Uni Lab HS) "Cheating"

3rd - Luke Arterburn (Paducah Tilghman) "Let's all celebrate Valentine's Day with The Bell"

HM - Morgan Hottes (Harrisburg HS) "Where do you shop the most?"

Mail-in Contest Yearbook

Photo

- 1st Timepiece: Movies
Okawville HS
Sheila Rasch
Basketball
- 2nd Arena: We're Grrrrreat!
Paris HS
Eryn Hasenour
Theater
- 3rd Arena: We're Grrrrreat!
Paris HS
Jessica McCall
Trumpets
- HM ECHO: Let's Get Loud
Cisne HS
Kayla Barton
Lion
- HM Timepiece: Movies
Okawville HS
Eric Schubert
Wrapped Ankle
- HM Arena: We're Grrrrreat!
Paris HS
Jessica McCall
Hug

Sports Double Page Spread

- 1st Arena: We're Grrrrreat!
Paris HS
Staff
Great season, great girls
- 2nd VESPA: Newstand
New Athens HS
Cassie Neubold, editor
Tracy Ptacek, adviser
ESPN

3rd ECHO: Let's Get Loud!
 Cisne HS
 Jenna Richardson
 Volleyball

HM Arena: We're Grrrrreat!
 Paris HS
 Staff
 When Grrreat Guys Get Going

HM VESPA: Newstand
 New Athens HS
 Cassie Neubold, editor
 Tracy Ptacek, adviser
 Cheerleaders

HM NU-KOM-I: At the End
 Newton HS
 Becky Starwalt
 Golfers

YB Double Page Student Life Spread

1st Arena: We're Grrrrreat!
 Paris HS
 Staff
 October in Retrospect

2nd ECHO: Let's Get Loud!
 Cisne HS
 Kathy Brach
 A starry night

3rd Arena: We're Grrrrreat!
 Paris HS
 Staff
 Bah, Humbug!

HM NU-KOM-I: At the End
 Newton HS
 Adria McCaslin
 Homecoming

HM Arena: We're Grrrrreat!
 Paris HS
 Staff
 Halloween

HM VESPA: Newstand
 New Athens HS
 Cassie Neubold, editor
 Tracy Ptacek, adviser
 National Geographic Magazine

YB Double Page Academics Spread

- 1st VESPA: Newstand
New Athens HS
Cassie Neubold, editor
Tracy Ptacek, adviser
- 2nd NU-KOM-I: At the End
Newton HS
Diana Osborn
Righting
- 3rd NU-KOM-I: At the End
Newton HS
Jack Swisher
Cram Time
NU-KOM-I: At the End
Newton HS
Jack Swisher
School Daze

Advertising

- 1st Graduate
Greenville HS
Editor: Jennifer Mitchell
Adviser: Kathy Stone
- 2nd Medley
Danville HS
Adviser Bill Dobbles, Jan Reynolds
- 3rd Hi-Lights
Evansville Mater Dei
Editor: Kathy Scheller
Adviser: John Wells
- HM Redbird
Frankfort Community HS
Editors: Samantha Arnett, Sarah Chamness, Adam Wells, Alex Hogg, Vanessa Spotansk, Josh Webb
Adviser: Cindy Saracco
- HM The Gillespian
Gillespie HS
Editors: Ady Cope, Ashleigh Bowling, Gary Best and Logan Hartke
Adviser: Cindy Saracco
- HM ECHO
Cisney HS
Editors: Kayla Barton, Kacie Shreve, Taylor Wilson
Adviser: Trudy Hurd

Dividers

- 1st MNEMOSYNE
Glenwood HS
- 2nd MINUTEMAN
Bunker Hill HS
Editors: Shadow Metheny and Lindsey Brown
Adviser: Sue Morris
- 3rd HI-LIGHTS
Evansville Mater Dei
Editor: Katie Scheller
Adviser: John Wells
- HM MEDLEY
Danville HS
Adviser: Bill Dobbles and Jan Reynolds
- HM ROBINILLO
Robinson
Editor: Danielle Zerkle
Adviser: Antie Pippin

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Newton HS
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Taylorville HS
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- 3rd YEARBOOK
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Breese Mater Dei HS
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Adviser: Pam Zurliene and Melissa Kunke

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- HM TIMEPIECE
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Adviser: Dana Donovan

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